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News Highlights, June 1-7

Camp Lejeune Globe

NC Symphony performs perfect outdoor overture

One of the most powerful forces on Earth uses no weapons, transcends every language barrier and can evoke feelings from every end of the emotional spectrum simultaneously. Music isn't just background noise. It is the soundtrack for life. The North Carolina Symphony supplied melodious inspiration, boldness and exhilaration to hundreds of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Onslow County residents with its annual summer concert Riverwalk Crossing Park in Jacksonville, N.C., Monday. Read more [here](#).

The Sampson Independent

Bentonville Battlefield 2nd Saturdays Series June 9

Discover the camp life and the role of the Civil War enlisted man in battle at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site on Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. In the first of three free summer 2nd Saturday programs at the site, historians in period dress will demonstrate how Union and Confederate soldiers made meals, maintained weapons and uniforms, and trained for battle. Read more [here](#).

Durham Herald

The words of former slaves, told at Historic Stagville plantation

In the late 1930s, more than 70 years after the Emancipation Proclamation set them free, former slaves from Stagville were interviewed as part of the Slave Narrative Project of the Works Progress Administration... Under the same stars that shone down on the enslaved community 150 years ago, seven actors will present some of the WPA's Slave Narrative Project on Saturday. Read more [here](#).

New Bern Sun Journal

Family History Society's heritage weekend begins Friday

The Family History Society of Eastern North Carolina kicks off a three-day Family History Fair & 300th Heritage Weekend today through to Sunday. ... Six family history research classes are available, with the North Carolina State Archives and State Library: Debbi Blake, North Carolina Archives public services supervisor; Chris Meekins, N.C. State archivist; Kay Tillotson, North Carolina State library genealogy research librarian; and Jefferson Currie, Native American research specialist. Read more [here](#).

WNCT

Tryon Palace awarded special arts grant

NEW BERN, N.C.--Guests to Tryon Palace will get the opportunity to take part in a special cultural experience this summer, thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council. The grant was awarded for Tryon Palace to support Jonkonnu, Tryon Palace's 19th Century African-American Interpretive Performing Group. Read more [here](#).

Salisbury Post

NC Transportation Museum Rail Days

One accessory outnumbered engineer caps Saturday at the Great Southeastern Rail Days Festival — cameras. From pocket-sized point-and-shoots to professional-grade Nikons and Canons worth thousands of dollars, nearly everyone at the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer had a camera. “My motto is, shoot like a fool,” said David Thompson, who, with his wife Carol Anne, traveled from Hilton Head Island to spend two days in Spencer photographing trains. “It’s digital photography. It’s free. If I get 10 or 12 good images, I’ll be happy.” Read more [here](#).

Fayetteville Observer

Black sailor who refused to be held back made a difference aboard the USS N.C.

The story of John Seagraves was trapped within a framed photograph aboard the USS North Carolina. The decommissioned World War II battleship turned memorial, now on the Cape Fear River across from downtown Wilmington, was where Seagraves, a young black sailor who took a stand against racism in the Navy, worked his way up from a cook in the officers' kitchen to a 20 mm gunner. One of the photos still aboard today is of Seagraves and his gunner crew on April 14, 1945. Read more [here](#).

VisitSouth.com

2012 Summer Arts Fest, Fayetteville, NC

The grounds of the 1897 Poe House next door to the Museum of the Cape Fear on Arsenal Avenue in the Haymount area are going to be transformed again this summer. There will be plenty of opportunities for family fun with craft work, including "Make It, Take It" stations featuring beeswax candles, watercolor pictures, bookmarks, and handmade bracelets. The Poe House kitchen will feature homemade foods such as fritters made on a 1902 Glenwood stove. Read more [here](#).

McDowell News

Old Marion newspapers get new life online

With the click of a mouse, you can now read old newspaper accounts of the severe floods from 1916 and 1940 and the deadly strike at Marion Manufacturing Co. from 1929. Patti Holda is the librarian who operates the Abe Simmons Genealogy and North Carolina History Room at the McDowell County Public Library in Marion. She has been working on a newspaper digitization project with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The new project involves taking old newspapers from communities across North Carolina and making them available online. This was made possible by a grant to the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, the State Library of North Carolina and the UNC-Chapel Hill University Library. Read more [here](#).

Charlotte Observer

Folk Society builds music community in Charlotte

The Charlotte Folk Society's 30-year homage to traditional music – anchored by monthly public gatherings – is as dedicated as ever and poised to grow for many more years. ... The group's commitment to youth is underscored by the Marilyn Meacham Price Scholarship to the Swannanoa Gathering Folk Arts Workshops for musicians age 12 to 21. ... The scholarship is named for the woman who's generally credited with starting the Charlotte Folk Society. In the early 1980s, Price – a homegrown guitarist and square dancer – met Wayne Erbsen, a banjo picker on a North Carolina Arts Council visiting artist residency in Charlotte. Read more [here](#).

Winston-Salem Journal

Groups nurture dreams for future

... Usually, when we think of imagination, we think of individual creations. ... But what would happen if a community shared its dreams with artists, architects and designers who then took those dreams and molded them into "something ... never before wholly perceived in reality?" ... That's what members of two emerging grassroots organizations hope to find out when they hold Winston-Salem's first "Design Marathon" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. Read more [here](#).

Home in Henderson Blog

NC's Presidential Past Creates Backdrop for Democratic National Convention

... As the state awaits a new moment in history with the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, political junkies of all persuasions can dig into our presidents' pasts at places across North Carolina. Sites to see include President James K. Polk State Historic Site in Pineville, about 12 miles from convention headquarters in Charlotte... Read more [here](#).

Daily Reflector

ECU summer theater takes the show on the road

Before the ECU Loessin Theatre takes three shows on the road, they will be staged in the School of Theatre and Dance's Studio Theatre. Following the ECU performances, the show will head to the Roanoke Island Festival Park in Manteo from June 26-28, the Cullman Performance Hall which is part of Tryon Palace in New Bern from July 3-7, and the Paramount Theatre in Goldsboro July 11-15. The shows are "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder, "Seven in One Blow" by Randy Sharp and the Axis Company and "Collison Course" by Lanford Wilson, Terrence McNally and Sam Shepherd. Read more [here](#).